

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-8, and 12 have been canceled pursuant to an restriction requirement, claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the features of its independent claim 9. New claim 13 has been added to the application. Claims 9-11 and 13 remain in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's comment regarding Applicant's election of Group II claims 9-11.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 9 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 9 is an independent claim and claim 10 has been amended and rewritten as an independent claim to incorporate the additional features of claim 9.


The Examiner has also noted prior art made or record and not relied upon considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the references while pertinent do not teach all of the features of the present invention.

Please note that Applicant has retained new counsel. A Revocation and Power of Attorney Document executed by Applicant is enclosed herewith. Please forward any further correspondence to Applicant's new counsel.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the cited references and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and receipt of the formal Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call at (502) 452-1233 to discuss any such remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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